



Sermon series: From the Garden to the Cross

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The Story of Clothing

Big Idea: Jesus removes our garments of shame and gives us clothes of honor.

The Garden: We _____ clothes of honor for a covering of shame.

1. We were _____ to be clothed with honor. (Gen. 2:25; 1:27)
2. Sin has _____ us to be clothed with shame. (Gen. 3:7)
3. We put on _____ in an effort to cover-up our shame and gain honor. (Gen. 3:7, 21)

The Cross: Jesus traded _____ honor for _____ shame. (John

1. The only way for our shame to be _____ is to have Jesus _____ that shame for us. (John 19:23-27)
2. The only way for us to be clothed with honor is to _____ Jesus' clothes as a _____. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Present: We _____ the clothes Jesus has given to us to bring him _____.

1. God sees us as _____ in Jesus. (Galatians 3:27)
2. We are meant to _____ the clothes Jesus has given to us. (Colossians 3:12-14)

Future: We look _____ to the _____ set of clothes Jesus has for us. (2 Corinthians 5:1-4)

Action Step:

- As you get dressed each morning this week remind yourself that this is what's true of you in Christ and seek to live according to it throughout your day.

What's an image or theme in the Bible that resonates with you? Take some time this week to think through (trace) all the ways this image shows up in scripture. Think about how it especially shows up at the cross and what Jesus did for us there.

What is one of the greatest honors you have experienced in your life? How might knowing that you were created for the honor of representing God impact your life?

How and where does shame manifest itself in your life? What are the areas and standards that you most often feel you fall short in?



What are some of the ways you are prone to cover up shame and gain honor by trying to prove your worth to God or to other people? Why do these attempts always fail in the long run?

Think about the area(s) where you feel shame in your life? What would it look like to apply the gospel to those areas? What might change when you see Jesus dying to deal with that shame and clothe you with his righteousness?

What area of your life do you most need to be reminded that the goal is not for you to receive honor, attention, and glory but rather to bring Jesus' honor, attention, and glory? How would it change how you live in this area if you really believe that?

How can the gospel impact how you handle the ways your body fails you, breaks down, or is imperfect? What is it about the new set of clothes Jesus promises you (a new perfect body) that most excites you?

How might putting your clothes on in the morning be an opportunity to preach the gospel to yourself as you get ready for your day? What are the truths you most need to be reminded of each day? Practice doing that this week as you put on your clothes each morning.